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WORTHY OF CONGRATULATION. At the beginning of the present administration much disappointment was expressed by Democrats because the public pie counter was filled with Republicans who could not be removed. They said the civil service law had gone into effect under a Republican administration when the various positions were filled with Republican spoilsmen, and that the Democrats came into power with only the Government Printing Office and outside appointments as available spoils for party workers. To them the eituation was aggravated by President Harrison who extended the civil service law to the railway mail service during the last hours of his administration, an act that prevented many hungry politicians from finding lucrative positions. These Democrats can find comfort in the extension of the civil service law, to the Government Printing Office and the remaining places in the Agricultural Departs ment, which have heretofore been appointed by those in power. Most of the positions affected by the extension are held by Democrats. Therefore the cause for Democratic rejoicing. The extension, however, should be gratifying to the general public for it will practically put an end to the scramble for department positions among politi-

cians at each change of administration. But the great cause for congratulation is the benefit the extension insures to the public service. Frequent changes in positions that require expert knowledge are detrimental. They disorganize approved methods and make impossible the careful work necessary to perfect results. Trained minds are only acquired after long experience, and the accounting, philosophical, scientific, and mechanical branches of this great government can only be properly administered by those who have had careful training.

The effect of civil service rule on Washngton is also beneficial. Department employes competent to retain places under ts rules and regulations must of necessity se intelligent, acceptable citizens. The roowledge that their positions are prosected from political greed induces them' io purchase property and become permasent residents in this community. For that reason the Washington public will add its thanks for the extension of the sivil service law to the remaining governneut departments.

#### SENATOR HILL'S STRADDLE.

The buge straddle of Senator Hill in als New York speech on the monetary probem shows that he will have to be very simble to hang on to both sides of the ques sion and maintain his political equilibrium. it is easy to arrive from either a free silver ar sound money standpoint, but when an emportant public man like Senator Hill undertakes to speak for both sides of the question it looks very much as if he were trying to skate in two directions.

The question now to be decided is whether or not this country will adopt silver monometallism. At present we are on a gold basis. Our redemptions are made in gold and prices are quoted from a gold standard value. Should the silver party succeed in carrying Congress so that free silver could be made lawful the standard from which to quote prices would be changed and the country would go to a eilver basis.

It will be seen that not even Senator Hill's great mental activity and faculty for standing on political slippery places can enable him to maintain his present attitude He must either be a gold bug and buzz with Mr. Cleveland, or get off the fence and become a ravening aliverite.

#### AN ABUSE TO BE REMEDIED.

It has been suggested that a way should be found for tradesmen to collect their bills from delinquent employes of the sev eral Government departments. The abuse of refusing to pay just accounts among Goverament employes is not prevalent, but occasionally an improvident employe acamulates debts that make it inconvenient to pay, and as heads of departments refuse toco-operate in coffecting them his creditors have no recourse except to credit him as a dead heat and in this way balance the ac-

If heads of departments would make the refusal of an employe to pay a just debt a cause for censure there would be fewer compinints among tradesmen. The fact that a person is employed in a department should be sufficient recommendation of his honesty to entitle him to credit, and when that confidence is abused be should be treated ac cordingly and blacklisted so far as further

respect and credit are concerned. The Times will gladly publish any suggestions as to a method to stop this abuse. Possibly a united request in the form of a petition from the tradesmen of the city might bring about a remedy.

#### JOHNSON AND HIS PREDECESSORS.

The bar of the grand old State of Virginia at one time boasted in membership every attribute that was noble, high-minded, honorable, and patriotic in the history of this country. Patrick Henry, whose tongue voiced the aspirations of a liberty-loving Jople and sounded the call to successful war against oppression, was a lawyer, and following him came a host of brave and brilliant Virginians, who made the traditions of beach and bar in the Old Dominion the dearest treasures of the disciples of an honored profession. They were looked to as the champions of the people's rights, and their deeds are to this day hold up by commencement orators as worthy of emulation by young students about to

be admitted to the magic circle of the law. of Virginia stood ready to visit discipline,

the part was a manual.

even to the extent of disbarment, on any subscriber to an attorney's oath who outraged the high principles of his calling by unworthy acts, who connived at the foul work of thugs and cheats and low gamblers-gamblers who do not practice any of that spirit of fair play which has made the profession of gambling some what tolerable in otherwise decent communities.

That time for the bar of Virginia must have passed, for not only does it keep on its roster a lawyer who sets its most ordinary traditions at defiance, but one who, having been elected to a high office, forgets his oath, and smiles at the doings

sworn to punish. Arouse yourselves, lawyers of Virginia Do not permit yourselves to be the laughing stocks of the country, Investigate the goings-on across the river from Washington, and learn what Commonwealth Attorney Johnson has to say about them, and what the law-abiding people of this neighborhood have to say about them. Then you will know that the case has not been misstated

#### TIN PLATE MANUFACTURE.

Fifteen thousand persons are now employed in the manufacture of tin plate in this country, and twenty-eight tin plate works, each rolling its own black plates, are in operation. Four years ago there was barely one worthy the name. Ten more are in process of erection, and some of these are so far advanced as to be able to start up work in a month from now.

In spite of predictions to the contrary, that the reduction of the duty on tin plate by the Wilson tariff act would cause the industry to go all to pieces. It has gone forward with uninterrupted strides. It has developed more rapidly and more vigorously than almost any other industry within the same length of time and under peculiarly adverse circumstances. Capital invested, men employed, and the output have more than quadrupled in less than five years.

The growth of tin plate manufacturing in the United States is a magnificent tribute to the indomitable energy, perverence and ingenuity of the American. It lends new force to the oft repeated assertion that American plack will in the end overcome obstacles and difficul-

The day is not far distant when the United States will export tin plate even as it imported the article until a few years

#### LET THE BOYS PLAY BALL.

Judge Kimball struck a popular chord and said a sensible thing when he declared that the District ought to provide grounds where boys may be permitted to play ball The restrictions placed upon the youngsters by existing ordinances and regulations are irksome, because they are vague. The law now says that boys must not play ball in the streets of the city. What is to become of or be done with them when the greater Washington makes the whole District of Columbia nothing but streets?

"There is nothing so good for young men as a good game of baseball," says Judge Kimball, and he is quite right. But they cannot derive the beneficial effect if the bars are put up against them in every direction and they are in constant peril of arrest. Of course, there should be no ball playing in the streets, for that is dangerous to persons and property. It would be, therefore, not only fair to the boys, but in the interest of the public good if certain places in different parts of the city were designated by the Commissioners where the boys can

While considering this matter it might also be well to caution policemen to exercise some discretion in making arrests for supposed violation of the ball playing ordin ance. If, as was stated in the police court vesterday, boys were playing in a ten-acre lot when arrested, they were treated unfairly, because in a lot of that size they could not

#### A COMMENDABLE MOVEMENT.

The Knights of Labor have done a wisc thing in locating their headquarters in Washington, and other labor organizations should follow the example. Labor has had no authorized representation in this city, where laws are enacted affecting the entire country, and this move toward that end is commendable. Heretofore organizations of employers, great and small, have lobbied Congress in their own interests, but no representative of organized labor has so persistently looked after the welfare of wage-earners

If any great good is to be accomplished in behalf of labor it must come from laboring people. The average Congressman may mean well enough at the time of election, but under corporate influence he generally forgets his promises, and proves a poor repesentative of the masses. The reason for this lapse of integrity is generally the remoteness of his constituency and the everpresent seductive lobbyist, who never falls to impress his willing victim with the rance of standing by his employers.

Tried and faithful representatives of labor located here where they could look after labor legislation and watch over and re port the conduct of Congressmen would be of great service to the public. Under such a supervision many questionable acts might be avoided, and much more reliability could be placed on their pledges, for Congressmen like to be re-elected, and they would hesitate before doing anything to lose votes among their constituents. Let other labor organizations than the Knights be represented in Washington.

#### LOOK OUT FOR SWINDLERS.

The numerous published complaints of snide schemes for extorting money from the public should serve as a warning against patronizing anything but legitimate enterprises. Washington has a sufficient number of reputable tradesmen to prevent the necessity of trying to get cheated by listening to the glib tales of confidence men. Let questionable bond schemes, building and loan associations, picture concerns and all other methods of sharp practice alone and deal with honorable people and there will be no danger of being

defrauded. It is an unfortunate fact that Washington has too many of these confidence games. Their principal source of revenue is fron thrifty working people, and a way should be found to drive them from the city. The Times would be glad to receive information from all persons who in any way have been swindled by the sharp practices of questionable enterprises. The only way to get rid of them is to make their methods known as a warning to those who are likely to be fleeced. All informa tion on this subject will be kept confidential, provided that supulation is made at the time the report is made.

There is great need of a disbursing clerk at the District building. The principal part of one day each week is consumed by Commissioner Ross in signing checks for the

#### Boys, READ THIS

Here's a Chance to Make Money and be Reporters.

The Times makes the following offer to the School Boys of the District of Columbia.

Twenty-five cents will be paid for every item of news of enough public interest to be printed, provided the item is not already known to The Times.

Each contributor must attend the Public Schoo's generally or the High Schools of the District.

Contr butions must be written on one side of the paper only.

The contributor's name and home address and name of school must accompany the contribution and must be written on a separate sheet of paper.

Contributions must be sent or brought to the City Editor. No contributions will be received be fore 4 p. m.

pay of employes and other District expenditures. That gentleman's time is too valuable to be taken up with these clerical duties, and he should be released from this burdensome, unnecessary task. There has been considerable clamor for an increase in the number of Commissioners. Perhaps this would not be necessary if the present incumbents were not made to do cierical as well as executive duty.

President Cleveland is holding up the Illinois silver Democrats with an appoint ent-stuffed club

Prof. Langley and his flying machine have made another effort; not for publication, but simply as a matter of good

Let us all hope that the Walton law may be able to do the business for Dick John-

Maril and Maceo, the Cuban revolutionary leaders, have been killed several times, but they hob up as serenely as old man Dulton and the proverbial cat.

In Germany bicycle riders must have a license as proof of their proficiency. Here they can run people down without any such official permit.

Judge Goff is now included in the list of Presidential possibilities. With the author of the recent famous decisions in the White House and Tillman in the Senate, life in Washington would take on a somewhat livid hue.

President Cleveland's portrait will be een in a mass of flames during the pyro technic display incident to the festivities at Kiel. This is nothing to the "roasting" the original would get were he permitted tempt fortune and the public in 1896.

In the death of Mr James H. Fowler, of Georgetown, the Baptists have lest a most earnest and indefatigable worker it the cause of religious advancement. His demise will be sincerely mourned, not only by his co-religionists, but by every citizen who values manly worth and sterling qualities of character

The Eckington Electric Company seems determined to defy the authority of Contime designated for the removal of its trolley poles within the District expires July 1, and there is not the slightest comply with the law. To permit this evident contempt of authority the District Attorney should prepare the papers and prosecute the company at the earliest opportunity.

On the authority of Senator Palmer it is stated that President Cleveland has decided to "hold up" Illinois appointments. Frank Lawler believes that that policy began over two years ago.

Senator Gorman's all-embracing political lawn mower has at last gone over the budding hopes of Isidor Rayner. That gentleman has withdrawn from the gubernatorial contest.

The Presbyterian General Assembly in session in Pittsburg finds fault with Congress for its doings on Sundays. The American people as a whole go a step further, and object to many of its antics week days and Sundays.

#### At the Pearly Gates.

St. Peter (from within)-Who agitates the elestial latchstring?

day will make a good, new start in life, as there is tuck in odd numbers. There were Strong -voiced Shade-'Tis I, the new nine copies united and, to all human ap-Woman. A mere man is with me, pearances made supremely happy. It was certainly the best piece of Saturday evening St. Peter- Tis well. Let each state his work these penitents have done in some

New Wonian-You know me. I came, I saw, I conquered.

The Mere Man-My office is to salute, submit and surrender, St. Peter-The I's have it. Place your sycophant on the toboggan and step inside.

When Greek Meets Greek. Breadstuff, the Baker: "The expressman left your packages at my place by mistake." Doemop, the Laundryman: "So? what

"Hydrochloric acid and pumice-stone," "Not mine. By the way, three parcels of your stuff were left at my laundry this

"You don't say! What was in 'em?" "Alum, glucose and oleomargarine." Twenty minutes later they meet face to face at the complaint window of the express company.

#### Consolation.

The effort we make to be good and grand Is never made in vain; Each motive is recorded by an angel's hand, Laid by to our heavenly gain.

The world and its glitter may win us From the path we meant to tread; We may be false to the good that is in us; Our vision of truth may be dead.

Those efforts rise up from the tomb: We know that again o'er our life they have

To lead us from darkness and gloom. ANNE A. HUGHES. Washington, D. C.

## Navy Blues and Raven Blacks.



SAFE FROM SPOILSMEN.

competitive examination. This extension to the remaining places in that bareau adds more than 500 places to the classified ser-

THESE ARE THE LUCKY NINE.

Couples Married by The Times' Min-ter Last Day of the Week. All the people who were married yester-

The Rev. J. W. Norris, who has been en-

gaged in the work since last Friday week, has become famous through the number of his marriages, and his invention of the triple, quadruple, and multiple marriage

function.

The marriages have not yet been completed, as there are several to be performed. It is likely, however, that nearly all those who wall be married vonntarily, have already presented themselves.

James Jones and Dora Morten.
Elsie Crawford, and Susie Carter.
Levi Brown and Emma Grover.
Thomas Lusth, and Jennie Francis.
John Wells and Mary Butler.
John Logan and Mice Jackson.
Lewis Mathewayand Annie Diggs.
Reuben Holmes and Mamie Thompson.
John Douglas and Maria Lunth.

Last Plank Shad Dinner.

shad dinner of the season will be given. After a run of about ten successful Sun-

days of shad dinners, and almost each one

being more largely attended than its prede-

cessor, it will now come to a close, as the season is getting a little late for shad. But by no means are shad dinners the only attraction at Marshall Hall, for this beautiful summer resort on the Potomac is well known as a place of amusement. Now

what the summer is really on us the green lawns present a beautiful sight, and the cool breezes and the abundance of shade make the trip delightful. Mention should also be made about the trip to Marshall

also be made about the trip to Marshall Hall, for the boat passes some of the most historic spots in the country, such as Fort Washington, Fort Foote, the United States arsenal and Mount Vernon, the home and burial place of Washington. The ladies of Washington are especially invited on these excursions. The Charles Macalester will make two trips to day, at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p. m. The round-trip for all is 25 cents; dinner, 75 cents.

At Marshall Hall to-day the last plank

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You can't spend so little money and buy so much satisfaction in anything else-or anywhere else. We've got the best fabrics that anybody can getand better, too-for we've had some woven expressly for us. Russian Navy Serge, for instance. Bluer and truer than others sell at \$16.50.

Our price is \$12.50.

Begin at the beginning-

What's \$7.50 here is at least \$10 otherwheres.

What's \$12.50 here is \$15 in other stores -except the Russian Serge-we've told

What's \$10 here is \$12.50 somewhere else.

you what that's worth. What's \$15 here others ask \$20 for.

What's \$20 and \$25 here we don't believe you can find elsewhere. Only the best tailors have these Clay Serges and fine French Cheviots-except us. There's nothing too fine for us-nor for youespecially when the prices are down to where we've brought them.

These Suits of ours are all wool and fast colorno matter which grade-no matter what the price. A white or a fancy Wash Vest helps the looks. White Duck Pants work in fashionably for a

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Baltimore Markets.

Baltimore, May 25,—Flour firm, unchanged—receipts, 9,685 barrels; shipments, 15,945 barrels; sales, 350 barrels, Wheat unsettled—spot and month, 79a 79 1-4; June, 79 asked; July and August, 79 1-2a79 3-4; September, 80 1-4a80 1-2; steamer No. 2 red., 76a76 1-4—receipts, 561 bashels; shipments, 80,000 bushels; stock, 536,674 bushels; sales, 176,000 bushels; Southern wheat by sample, 80a82; do. on grade, 78a81. Corneasy—spot, 59a59 1-4; month, 58 3-4a59; June, 58 1-2 asked; July, 57 5-8a57 7-8; August, 58 1-2 bid—receipts, 38,674 bushels; stock, 333,401 bushels; sales, 106,600 bushels; Southern white and yellow corn, 58 1-2a59. Oats easier—No. 2 white Western, 37 1-2a38; No. 2 mixed, 34a34 12—receipts, 88,22 bushels; stock, 108,009 bushels, Rye inactive—receipts, 12,033 bushels; stock, 10,-165 bushels. Hay firm, good demand for choice—good to choice timothy, 13,00a 14,00. Grain freights dell, rates tending lower—steam to Liverpool, per bashel, 1-2d, to 1d. May; Cork for orders per quarter, 2s,6d. May. Sugar firm, unchanged. Butter and eggs firm, unchanged. Cheese quiet, unchanged.

Washington Graiu Market.
Reported by the Grain Exchange.
Spring patent flour, per barrel, 4.75a 5.00;
spring straight flour, per barrel, 4.25a
4.50; winter patent flour, per barrel, 4.25a
4.50; winter patent flour, per barrel, 4.50a
4.75; winter straight flour, per barrel,
4.90a4.25; winter extra flour, per barrel,
3.50a8.75; clepped white cate, per bushel,
3.51.2a38; No. 2 white cate, per bushel, 3.7
1.2a38 1.2; No. 2 mixed cate, per bushel,
3.60 1.2a61; No. 2 white corn, per bushel,
6.01.2a61; No. 1 timothy hay, per ton,
11.50a12.50; No. 1 timothy hay, per ton,
11.50a12.50; No. 1 clever hay, per ton,
12.60a13.00; No. 1 clever hay, per ton,
9.60a10.00; No. 1 cut hay, per ton,
14.50; bulk bran, per ton, 17.00a18.00; rye
straw, per ton, 13.50a14.00; wheat straw, Washington Grain Market.

# Civil Service Law Extended to Cover 2610 More Positions. The President has extended the civil service rules by taking all chiefs of division in the Department of Agriculture, of whom there are eighteen out of the excepted class. Vacancies in their ranks are to be filled hereafter by promotion from the large corps of trained experts, or occasionally where reseccary by a competitive examination. The chashier and the assistant disburstog electric, the chief cierks of the Weather Bareau and the Bareau of Asimal Industry, and the scientific or professional experts employed in Woshington in the Department of Agriculture, laws also been taken out of the excepted list. The classification of the Department of Agriculture has also been amended so as to subject to competitive examination under the civil service rules the clerks, microscopists, assistant microscopists, stock examiners, targers, agents and all other employes except temporary laborers in the Bureau of Animal Industry outside of Washington; also all State statistical agents and all nessencers in the Weather Fareau ontside of Washington. Those employed here were already classified. The inspectors, veterinary imprectors and assistant inspectors of the Bureau of Animal Industry outside of Washington; also all State statistical agents and all other employes except temporary laborers in the Bureau of Animal Industry are already subject to competitive examination. This extension to the remaining places in that bareau adds more than 500 places to the classified services and assistant inspectors of the Bureau of Animal Industry are already subject to competitive examination. This extension to the remaining places in that bareau adds more than 500 places to the classified services. Offices at NEW YORK,

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